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H.B. No. 1648

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the confidentiality of certain information held by the  
3 Department of Protective and Family Services.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 42, Human Resources Code,  
6 is amended by adding Section 42.004 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 42.004. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INVESTIGATION INFORMATION.

8 A photograph, videotape, audiotape, or other audio or visual  
9 recording, depiction, or documentation of a child that is made by  
10 the department in the course of an inspection authorized by this  
11 chapter is confidential, is not subject to release under Chapter  
12 552, Government Code, and may be released only as required by state  
13 or federal law or rules adopted by the executive commissioner.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.